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**CORRECTIONS OFFICER CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH  
AN ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE COCAINE INTO JAIL FACILITY**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that federal authorities arrested 20-year-old Anthony Lee Casillas of Pecos, Texas, this morning for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and introduction of contraband into the Reeves County Detention Center.

A criminal complaint filed this morning alleges that Casillas, a corrections officer in the Reeves County Detention Center, met with undercover agents in El Paso yesterday and agreed to smuggle three ounces of cocaine into the jail in exchange for \$2,000. Casillas was arrested following the exchange. Casillas faces up to 20 years in federal prison per count upon conviction.

Casillas is scheduled to have his initial appearance in El Paso at 2:30 this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge Richard P. Mesa.

This case was investigated by the Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General with assistance from the Metropolitan Narcotics Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted Assistant United States Attorney Brandy Gardes.

**A complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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